

# When She Talks, People Listen .....

**Dr. Karen L. Wrubel**, CPMA President-Elect, and Immediate Past President of the State Board of Podiatric Medicine, draws attention whenever and wherever she speaks . . . here at the BPM's February 24 meeting in Sacramento:



People were also listening at BPM's Sunset Review hearing before the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee March 12. Following opening remarks by BPM President **Neil B. Mansdorf, DPM** and Legislative Chair **Kristina M. Dixon, MBA**, Dr. Wrubel and staff testified the Board felt unable to absorb an estimated \$15,000 a year in credit card convenience fees for online license renewals planned to begin later this year, and had voted to pass on the \$18-transaction fees (2% x \$900) to those choosing to renew online.

The day after the March 12 hearing, Jim Rathlesberger received a high-level telephone call from the Department of Consumer Affairs suggesting BPM consider a renewal-fee increase to absorb the credit card fees and otherwise preserve BPM's dwindling fund reserve.

Drs. Wrubel, Mansdorf, Vice President **James J. Longobardi** and public members Dixon and **Edward E. Barnes** have worked to cut costs, and none is happy at the prospect of a renewal-fee increase. Rathlesberger will update the House of Delegates on where this stands in June. . . . A video link of the Sunset Hearing is on BPM's website.

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